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Interagency Conference

Remote via MS-Teams

NHDOT | 7 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH

November 10, 2021 at 1:00 pm

Notes

- **Roll Call of Attending Members**

Katie Lamb – NCC (her last mtg.), Jessica Bighinatti – LRPC, J.B. Mack – SWRPC, Dean Williams – CNHRPC, Colin Lentz – SRPC, Nate Miller and Carl Eppich – SNHPC, Gregg Lantos and Matt Waitkins – NRPC, Tim White – NHDES, Eric Rackauskas – EPA, Kim Rummo – NHDOT, Fred Butler – NHDOT, William Rose – NHDOT, Leigh Levine - FHWA

- **November Minor Revision**

William Rose – Q's and A's sent out recently, any further questions, comments on the Minor Revision? Colin Lentz – Has the updated docket been incorporated or is it still pending? William – It may be, if not we will get it out.

- **Amendment 2 status**

Leigh Levine – FHWA hoping to get an approval action/letter out by end of this week or early next week.

Reminder from Leigh that this is a single-mode (FHWA only) Amendment not requiring a conformity determination per previous interagency discussion and concurrence, so conformity documentation that was submitted by some parties was not required.

Leigh also reminded all that 3 of 4 MPOs are still subject to conformity determination requirements for the 1997 Ozone Orphan Area per the Southcoast AQMD vs EPA litigation and settlement – no conformity analyses required, but as needed some TIP Amendments will still require a conformity determination for this if non-exempt project modifications in the 1997 Ozone Orphan Area Area warrant it via interagency consultation. CO conformity

determinations or analyses are not required anymore for expired City of Manchester and City of Nashua CO Limited Maintenance Plan Areas.

Gregg Lantos – can MPOs just provide a link to the previous conformity determination documentation for future Amendments requiring a conformity determination for the 1997 Ozone Orphan Areas? Leigh – MPOs should include documentation with each Amendment, consistent with template that was shared. These conformity determinations need to address financial constraint, latest planning assumptions, etc.

- Update to revision procedures

William Rose - Discussion of potential updates to current STIP Revision Procedures will be tabled until next month's interagency meeting. Please be prepared, bring your ideas.

- Agency Updates

Tim White – NHDES Clean Diesel program RFP was released November 1st and is posted to the NHDES website with more information. Approximately \$800,000 is available for diesel emission reduction activities such as vehicle replacements and idle reduction projects. Applications are due December 17, 2021, at 4:00 PM.

Also, the RFP for EV charging infrastructure improvements has been released on September 17th with the proposal due date now extended to January 28th. The goal of this \$3 million program and RFP is to support the installation of Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC) and co-located Level 2 electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) on key travel corridors in New Hampshire. The objective is to receive qualified proposals for the installation, operation, and maintenance of EVSE along specified corridors.

Leigh Levine – reminder of USDOT's Justice40 Initiative – 40% of overall benefits of federal investments to disadvantaged communities. Leigh e-mailed information on October 26th for virtual public meetings occurring on November 9th and 16th at 12pm.

Leigh reminded all that he e-mailed information on Performance Period 2 CMAQ Performance Measure Applicability Tables that were recently released by FHWA to partners on October 21st and corrected message on October 22nd. Leigh encouraged NHDOT and MPOs to review.

Leigh provided some other reminders/updates from FHWA via review of his November 2nd e-mail message titled "FHWA Planning Updates for November 2021".

- Other Business

Fred Butler asked FHWA/FTA agencies about potential impact/implications of Census 2020 Urban/Urbanized Area designations, etc. Leigh – yes, believe the UZA designations should be coming out sometime in Spring or Summer of next calendar year, and federal agencies will be working with partners to discuss implications, and Leigh also reminded all of work

that will need to be done regarding UZA boundary smoothing and functional reclassification.

William reminded all that the next monthly meeting is scheduled for December 9th, 2021, and that NHDOT is on schedule for STIP Amendment 3.

Respectfully submitted – Leigh Levine

Interagency Meeting
October 14th 2021

Attendees:

William Rose (NHDOT)
Kim Rummo (NHDOT)
Linda Dusenberry (NHDOT)
Colin Lentz (Strafford RPC)
Gregg Lantos (Nashua RPC)
Susan Slack (Lakes RPC)
Leigh Levine (FHWA)
David Walker (Rockingham RPC)
Matt Waitkins (Nashua RPC)
Tim White (NHDES)
Nate Miller (Southern RPC)
Richard DiCillo (NHDES)
Fred Butler (NHDOT-transit)
Eric Rackauskas (EPA)
Dean Williams (Central RPC)
JB Mack (Southwest RPC)
Pat Crocker (Upper Valley RPC)

October Minor Revision

W. Rose noted that Leah Sirmin expressed concerns that the CMAQ-FTA programmatic was not transferring CMAQ funds to FTA but actually STBG funds. Leah was not present to discuss. NHDOT suggested postponing the proposed change to the CMAQ-FTA programmatic so Leah/FTA could discuss concerns with interagency partners.

F. Butler explained that the proposal is to shift 2021 funds to 2022 but there will still be funds in both years so transit providers will still have access to funds for operations support if this minor gets pushed out a month. Funding will be critical in a few months but okay to postpone for now.

W. Rose said this proposal will likely get added to amendment 3 so the scope can accurately describe sources of funding.

Amendment 2 status

W. Rose said NHDOT is extending the public comment period by a week or two to allow for southern MPO public comment period to complete. NHDOT expects to submit Amendment 2 to FHWA/FTA for review by the beginning of November (the NHDOT comment period ends Oct 27th)

Amendment 3 schedule discussion

W. Rose said the proposed schedule for MPO and NHDOT approvals is longer than usual to accommodate holiday season. NHDOT plans to release the draft amendment on November 19th in time for Dec 9th interagency meeting.

Annual Listing of Obligated Projects Schedule

W. Rose noted that the annual listing report is required for reporting by MPOs and NHDOT to FHWA. NHDOT expects to release data to MPOs before thanksgiving.

Update to STIP revision procedures

W. Rose said NHDOT is soliciting comments on proposed updates to the STIP revision procedures.
D. Walker suggested looking at updating funding thresholds to reduce the number of revisions requiring a minor? Dave volunteered to work with NHDOT on proposed updates.

Agency Updates

W. Rose: post construction authorization ("advanced construction") report was provided as an FYI (not required for interagency).

T. White: NHDES released RFP for Volkswagen DC fast charging sites on Sept 17th. Refer to NHDES website for more information, including comments/questions received. NHDES is planning next round of state clean diesel funding (probably opening in November).

E. Rackauskas: EPA received conformity SIP revision from NHDES. Primarily updating references and data. Not expecting impacts to interagency.

F. Butler: NHDOT recently sent out statewide TAM targets as part of MPO target setting process.

L. Levine: noted a good meeting about EV charging held with RPC and agency partners that morning. FHWA appreciated inclusion of the post construction report from NHDOT. L. Levine recently finished MPO freight assessments and will be compiling a report. The FAST Act was extended till end of October.

Other Business

None discussed.